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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF TRAVEL TO SYRIA

REF: BEIRUT 9881

1. THIS EMB LIKE ALL OTHER FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS IN THE AREA CAN ONLY WELCOME LIBERALIZATIONS IN TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR AMERICANS IN MID EAST. IN TERMS OF US REGIONAL INTERESTS, INCLUDING US POSTURE TOWARD ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT AND US-ISRAELI RELATIONS, CASE FOR RELAXATION OF US RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO SYRIA IS WELL PRESENTED IN REFTEL. IN PARTICULAR WE WOULD SEE VALUE IN RELAXATION TO PERMIT OFFICERS OF EMB BEIRUT TO VISIT SYRIA IN ORDER FOR USG TO BE ABLE TO COLLECT FIRSTHAND IMPRESSIONS OF DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

2. ONLY QUESTION WE SEE IN RELATION TO US POSTURE TOWARD ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT IS WHETHER SYRIAN REGULATIONS AND/MR PRACTICES IN GENERAL ARAB EFFORT TO DISCOURAGE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO ISRAEL ARE MARKEDLY MORE SEVERE THAN THOSE OF OTHER

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ARAB GOVTS. IF THIS SHOULD BE THE CASE, WE HOPE

IMPRESSION SOMEHOW CAN BE AVOIDED THAT US IS PREPARED FULLY
TO ACQUIESCE IN AND ABIDE BY SYRIAN ATTITUDE.
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